

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2791–2794, S. Res. 493–495, and S. Con. Res. 72–73. **Page S2295**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1638, to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges. (S. Rept. No. 110–277)

S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Financial Literacy Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 495, designating April 2008 as “Financial Literacy Month”. **Pages S2306–07**

Ryan Haight Online Pharmacy Consumer Protection Act: Senate passed S. 980, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to address online pharmacies, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2307–10**

Nelson (FL) (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 4383, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2307–10**

Measures Considered:

New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act and the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting

consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, and the motion was agreed to. **Pages S2268–85**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 94 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 86), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, and that all time during any adjournment, recess or period of morning business count post-cloture; provided further, that at 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, the Majority Leader be recognized. **Page S2312**

Child Protection Improvements Act Referral—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. 2756, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, and that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Deborah K. Jones, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General. **Pages S2310–11, S2312**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:19 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2311–12.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the United States Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Abigail Kimbell, Chief, United States Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 relative to the Army's new doctrine (Field Manual 3–0, Operations), and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General William B. Caldwell, IV, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for the current readiness of the armed forces, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from General Richard A. Cody, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army, General Robert Magnus, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Admiral Patrick M. Walsh, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff,

United States Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 for ballistic missile defense programs, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from John J. Young, Jr., Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Lieutenant General Kevin T. Campbell, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command, and Charles E. McQueary, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, all of the Department of Defense; and Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2593, to establish a program at the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to carry out collaborative ecological restoration treatments for priority forest landscapes on public land, after receiving testimony from Gail Kimbell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Scott Simon, Nature Conservancy, Little Rock, Arkansas; Christopher I. West, American Forest Resource Council, Portland, Oregon; Nathaniel Lawrence, Natural Resources Defense Council, Olympia, Washington; and Howard Gross, Forest Guild, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ANTI-TERRORISM FINANCING

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine anti-terrorism financing, focusing on progress made and the challenges ahead, after receiving testimony from Stuart Levey, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the situation in Iraq from Stephen S. Kaplan, Vice Chairman, and Alan R. Pino, National Intelligence Officer for the Near East, both of the National Intelligence Council, and certain other members of the intelligence community.